

SF training flight keeps skills sharp



Airman 1st Class Clint Musser, 8th Security Forces Squadron, trains Master Sgt. Robert Derrick, who was a portraying a "bad guy," during a recent exercise.

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Air base defense is serious business for every Wolf Pack member, and the 8th Security Forces Squadron "Defenders" take it to the next level with their ground combat training program.

The squadron ensures its people always stay at the height of readiness using an innovative training schedule that balances out personnel to ensure that every day a squad of Airmen are in training status for both day-shift and mid-shift.

"We were able to tailor our schedule so that each squad gets recurring training time with their squad leader," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Webb, 8th Security Forces Squadron program manager and instructor. "The troops are positioned in training status as they are in wartime status."

The types of things they are trained on include advanced close-quarter combat training, dismounted tactical movement techniques, vehicle operations and communications procedures. Defenders also

receive advanced weapons training to include the squadron's firearms training simulator, or FATS.

This training is run by instructors who have gone above and beyond to learn everything they can.

"Staff Sergeant Webb is an outstanding instructor with unparalleled training experience," said Senior Master Sgt. Paul Doyle, 8th SFS superintendent of training and resources. "Some of Sergeant Webb's training includes the U.S. Army pre-ranger school, special tactics training school and close-quarters engagement level one training."

Sgt. Webb is not the only ground combat training instructor in security forces. Senior Airmen Kevin Spain and Anthony Winfield currently teach the base's READY Augmentees and assist in teaching the ground combat training.

"Senior Airman Spain and Senior Airman Winfield are motivated, eager to learn, and have already proven to be excellent instructors," said Sgt. Webb.

But what this training means for the each Defender is they are better prepared for their wartime mission.

"This training enables all of us to be prepared and focused for wartime taskings. We are given the tools and tactics necessary to Defend the Base, which makes us more confident to perform our mission," said Senior Airman Kevin Sherwin, 8th SFS.

This training has already paid off for the Defenders who were recognized during the 2005 Operational Readiness Inspection as an outstanding team. The squadron also received four out of four of the Top Squad awards at Com-mando Warrior.

"Our training is tailored around ensuring each Defender not only has the necessary tools to accomplish the mission, but given time to hone those skills by continuously training on their ground combat mission. The 8th Security Forces Squadron definitely has an enhanced ground combat capability and

is more than ready to Defend the Base if the need arises," said Sgt. Webb.

Defend the Base



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When it comes to mishap prevention and the safety of Airmen, the Wolf Pack is leading the way with a winning combination of aeromedical and wing safety experts working together as one comprehensive safety team.

As one of the first bases in Pacific Air Forces to integrate aerospace physiology into wing safety, Kunsan is at the forefront of an Air Force-wide movement to consolidate the two specialties into a single organization to maximize mishap prevention and enhance safety education.

So what does this combination of expertise mean for the safety of the Wolf Pack? It makes for an increased emphasis on human performance factors and how they relate to mishaps for pilots,

maintainers, security forces and the Wolf Pack at large.

"We're primarily trainers and instructors who help people better their performance," said Capt. Carrie Zeune, OIC of aeromedical safety. "Most mishaps are caused by human factor problems such as a loss of situational awareness or fatigue."

Bringing aeromedical expertise under the safety fold has provided a wealth of opportunities for aerospace physiologists.

"It's a great match," said Capt. Zeune. "Now I can more effectively conduct trend analysis of safety reports to look for human performance related causes of mishaps. Moving to safety also provided an avenue to reach out to commanders and get human factors information to the wing and tell people what the risks are and help mitigate those risks," she said.

MXG perfects Pack processing program

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In the event of a foreign adversary laying harm to the Republic of Korea in the future, Kunsan might need additional forces to assist in the defense of the peninsula. A joint-reception team from the 8th Maintenance Group has helped to streamline this process by reducing the processing time for maintenance personnel by 30 percent.

This eight-person team, which makes processing at Kunsan "one-stop-shop-ping," from the 8th MXG, and elements of the 8th Mission Support Group, have come together to help aid in the processing of



Tech. Sgt. Scott Keisling, 8th Maintenance Operations Squadron, reads out an acceptance inspection checklist as Staff Sgt. Justin Johnson, 8th MOS, goes over the MULE hydraulic servicing cart Monday.

Accept Follow-on Forces

the hundreds of maintenance personnel expected to work on and off the flightline here if deployed to support any and all contingencies. Tech. Sgt. Scott Keisling, 8th Maintenance Operations Squadron NCOIC of contingency plans and programs, said the process ensures war fighting equipment and personnel are ready to quickly stand up operations to Take the Fight North.

"Once cargo or commercial planes arrive and are downloaded, personnel will process through the personnel reception function area at the theater while equipment will process through the LRS cargo yard," Sgt. Keisling said. "After they process, we make sure everybody and everything gets to their working areas to start generating their aircraft."

The program, led by an 8th MOS logistics planner, has been noted for the reduction in time of processing maintenance personnel, helping to put "faces to the places" faster and more efficiently. Sgt. Keisling admitted the process was easy to learn because records and manuals had been meticulously maintained since the 8th Fighter Wing's operational readiness inspection in 2005.

"I have updated and polished the books a little and trained some new personnel on the team, but the program itself has stayed the same," he said.

Master Sgt. Steven Kaiser, programs and resources flight chief for the team, said the process was in good shape from day one, allowing the team the opportunity to ensure its standardization.

"We're ready for them (follow-on forces)," he said. "We want to show everyone out there how we do business here at Kunsan."

TOP GUN: Web-based interface improves pilot performance tracking

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Tracking the progress of Wolf Pack pilots can be a daunting task. With ever-changing weapons and aircraft technology, tracking a pilot's performance can never be a "black and white" process. Thanks to the innovative Airmen at the 8th Operations Group, that's changed.

In accordance with Air Force Instruction 11-415, or the tracking of success rates and recognition of top performers from a fighter squadron, the 8th OG has introduced a new type of "Top Gun" software. The software, according to Capt. Brian O'Neill, 8th Fighter Wing weapons officer, addresses both the requirements and challenges of tracking these successes with a user-friendly, exportable and scalable Web interface.

"This software improves our ability to ensure that all pilots are performing at the highest level, identify and help lower performers and recognize our best all at the same time," Capt. O'Neill said. "Previous systems have been very perishable in that they are either too complex or personality dependent to last more than a year or two. Top Gun was designed to allow a unit to tailor the tracking methods, scoring systems and weapons for the local mission."

Credit for this new and efficient type of software goes to both 1st Lt. Brian Grossweiler and Capt. Albert Lowe of the 8th OG, according to Capt. O'Neill. He pointed out the changes his wing weapon's shop officers have made to tracking pilot performance is

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light years ahead of the previous tracking system, but flexible enough too allow for changes in the future.

"While this program is ideally suited for use with any other unit, it's also an on-going project that we'll continue to improve upon," he said.

Capt. Lowe added that Lt. Grossweiler was the true "brain" behind the innovative web-based program.

"We are really lucky to have such a talented asset as Lt. Grossweiler in the 8th Fighter Wing," he said. "He used his knowledge as a pilot and as a web designer to make a

program that has great potential to be used around the entire Air Force."



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(Above) Senior Airman Michael Davis, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, brings a tray short cakes out from the kitchen to serve to fellow Airmen April 14. (Right) Staff Sgt. Audrey Garland, 8th Mission Support Squadron, serves a fellow Airman dinner at the Sonlight Inn. The Sonlight Inn offers a viable alternative to alcohol related activities. Various squadrons and organizations in the Wolf Pack take care of each other in this environment by volunteering as Innkeepers and cooking the free Friday night meal.



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